

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A no-tie fishing system comprising:

5 a fish attractor having an eye, the eye having a generally circular configuration and disposed at an end of a shank, the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced from the shank;

a fishing line having a first end;

10 a permanently formed gap disposed between the distal end of the eye and the shank, the gap sized to allow the fishing line to slide therethrough; and

15 a sliding loop formed at the first end of the fishing line for releasably engaging the fishing line with the eye of the fish attractor.

20 2. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fishing line comprises a tippet.

25 3. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fishing line comprises a leader.

4. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fish attractor comprises a fishing fly.

25 5. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the eye of the fish attractor comprises a first color code, and wherein the sliding loop of the fishing line comprises a second color code, the first and second color codes coordinated for a specific fishing application.

30 6. The fishing system of Claim 1, further comprising the fishing line having a second end with a fixed loop disposed thereon.

7. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fishing line further comprises:

a first section having a first end and a second end;

a second section having a first end and a second end;

5 the sliding loop formed on the first end of the first section; and

the second end of the first section releasably engaged with the first end of the second section.

10 8. The fishing system of Claim 7, wherein the first section comprises a tipped, and wherein the second section comprises a leader. *see Martush 3,831,309*

15 9. The fishing system of Claim 7, further comprising:

a fixed loop formed on the second end of the first section; and

20 a fixed loop formed on the first end of the second section.

Sub B → 10. A no-tie fishing apparatus for a fishing device comprising:

5 a fishing line having a first end; and
a sliding loop formed on the first end of the fishing
line for releasably engaging the fishing line with the
fishing device.

10 11. The fishing apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the
fishing line comprises a *tippet*. *See March*
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15 12. The fishing apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the
fishing line comprises a *leader*.

13. The fishing apparatus of Claim 10, further
comprising the fishing line having a second end with a
fixed loop disposed thereon.

20 14. The fishing apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the
fishing line further comprises:

a first section having a first end and a second end;
a second section having a first end and a second end;
the sliding loop formed on the first end of the first
section; and

25 the second end of the first section releasably engaged
with the first end of the second section.

30 15. The fishing apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the
first section comprises a *tippet*, and wherein the second
section comprises a *leader*.

Subclaim
16. The fishing apparatus of Claim 14, further comprising:

a fixed loop formed on the second end of the first section; and

5 a fixed loop formed on the first end of the second section.

17. A method for fabricating a no-tie fishing apparatus for a fishing device comprising:

providing a fishing line, the fishing line having a first end; and

5 forming a sliding loop on the first end of the fishing line for releasably engaging the fishing line with the fishing device.

10 18. The method of Claim 17, wherein the step of forming a sliding loop comprises:

forming a first loop with a first end of the fishing line;

15 forming a second loop with the first end of the fishing line, the second loop formed adjacent the first loop;

wrapping the first end of the fishing line through the first and second loops and around a central portion of the fishing line; and

20 drawing the first end of the fishing line away from the first and second loops to form the sliding loop.

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19. The method of Claim 17, further comprising forming a fixed loop on a second end of the fishing line.

25 20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the fishing line further comprises:

a first section having a first end and a second end;

30 a second section having a first end and a second end, the first end of the second section releasably engaged with the second end of the first section; and

wherein the step of forming a sliding loop comprises forming the sliding loop on the first end of the first section.

21. The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
forming a fixed loop on the second end of the first
section; and
forming a fixed loop on the first end of the second
section.

22. A sliding loop formed on one end of a fishing line by a sliding loop knot, the sliding loop knot formed by a method comprising:

5 forming a first loop with a first end of the fishing line;

forming a second loop with the first end of the fishing line, the second loop formed adjacent the first loop;

10 wrapping the first end of the fishing line through the first and second loops and around a central portion of the fishing line; and

15 drawing the first end of the fishing line away from the first and second loops to form the sliding loop knot.

23. A method for forming a no-thread fishing apparatus comprising:

forming a point on a first end of a shank;

5 forming a barb on the first end of the shank adjacent the point;

forming the first end of the shank into a hook;

10 forming an eye having a generally circular configuration on the second end of the shank, the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced from the shank thereby forming a permanent gap between the distal end of the eye and the shank, the gap sized to allow a fishing line to slide therethrough;

15 forming a first blocker on the second end of the shank, the first blocker positioned to prevent a fishing line coupled to the eye from sliding off the eye; and

20 forming a second blocker on the shank, the second blocker disposed between the hook and the first blocker, the second blocker positioned to prevent an attractor attached to the shank from obstructing the gap.

24. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a first blocker comprises forming a second barb.

25. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a second blocker comprises forming a second barb.

26. The method of Claim 25, wherein forming a second barb comprises nicking a surface of the shank to form the second barb.

30 27. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a first blocker comprises forming a second barb disposed approximately ninety degrees from a plane of the hook.

28. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming an eye comprises forming the eye substantially parallel to a plane of the hook.

5 29. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming an eye comprises forming the eye having an interior eye diameter approximately two times a diameter of the shank.

10 30. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a first blocker comprises flattening the distal end of the eye.

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31. A no-thread fishing apparatus comprising:
a shank having a first end and a second end;
a hook disposed at the first end of the shank;
an eye having a generally circular configuration
5 disposed at the second end of the shank;

the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and
permanently spaced from the shank thereby forming a
permanent gap disposed between the distal end of the eye
and the shank, the gap sized to allow a fishing line to
10 slide therethrough;

a first blocker formed as an integral portion of the
eye adjacent the distal end to prevent the fishing line
from sliding off the eye; and

15 a second blocker disposed on the shank between the
hook and the gap to prevent an attractor disposed on the
shank from obstructing the gap.

20 32. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the
first blocker comprises a barb.

25 33. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the
second blocker comprises a barb.

30 34. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the
second blocker comprises a wrapping medium secured to the
shank.

35. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the
eye is formed substantially parallel to a plane of the
hook.

36. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the
second blocker is formed approximately ninety degrees from
a plane of the hook.

37. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the second blocker comprises a barb formed in a direction toward the hook.

5 38. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the first blocker comprises a barb formed in a direction away from the second end of the shank.

10 39. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the eye is formed having an interior eye diameter approximately two times a diameter of the shank.

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